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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE STATE 186125, PARA 4: THE EMBASSY PROCESSED 1303 EMIGRANTS WITH EXIT PERMISSION FOR THE US IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1976. THE 100 PERCENT INCREASE OVER THE COMPARABLE FIGURE FOR LAST YEAR (606) IS ALMOST ENTIRELY DUE TO AN INFLUX OF ARMENIANS, MANY OF WHOM ORIGINALLY RECEIVED EXIT PERMISSION FOR LEBANON.

2. RE GOULETSOS CASE: WE HAVE WRITTEN A LONG ADVISORY OPINION REQUEST AND ARE SENDING IT STADIS SLUGGED FOR SCA/VO AND EUR/SOV JULY 28.

3. PAUL BROADBEN'S WEEK HERE WAS EXTREMELY USEFUL, HE IS AN EXTRELY CAPABLE OFFICER WHO IS OBVIOUSLY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH WHAT WE ARE DOING HERE AND PARTICULARLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THE REPLIST AND ISSUES RELATED TO IT. COMPOSITION OF REPLIST 18 WAS GREATLY FACILITATED BY FACE-TO-FACE DISCUSSION OF INDIVIDUAL CASES AND BROADBENT'S OWN EXTENSIVE CONTACT WITH SPONSORS. THIS YEAR'S PROCESS WAS CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT OVER LAST YEAR'S, WHEN LONG CABLES HAD TO BE EXCHANGED PROPOSING AND DISCUSSING DELETIONS, RETENTIONS AND NEW ADDITIONS.

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4. AM SURE YOU HAVE NOTICED THAT THE TWO AREAS SOVIETS HAVE

CHOSEN TO PUCH FOR EARLY DECISION ON JOINT COMMITTEE (OR HIGH-LEVEL) MEETINGS ARE PRECISELY THOSE WHICH WE HAD PREVIOUSLY PUSHED RATHER HARD: SPACE AND NUCLEAR ENERGY. WE RECALL NASA'S HARD SELL LAST YEAR FOR REPLY ON FUTURE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS PARTICULARLY REGARDING SHUTTLE, AND OUR MORE RECENT PROPOSALS ON LASTER FUSION UNDER ATOMIC ENERGY AGREEMENT. WE THEREFORE MAY HAVE A CALCULATED SOVIET EFFORT TO MOVE US OFF THE DIME ON J-C MEETINGS BY PRESSING IN THOSE AREAS WHERE THEY FEEL WE ARE MOST INTERESTED. IS NASA IN FACT AS EAGER THIS YEAR AS THEY WERE LAST YEAR? DO YOU HAVE A FEEL FOR WHEN DECISION MAY BE FORTHCOMING RE J-C MEETINGS? LATE AUGUST? MID-NOVEMBER?
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